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- Python dictionary is an unordered collection of items.
- While other compound data types have only value as an element, a dictionary has a key: value pair.
- Dictionaries are optimized to retrieve values when the key is known.

Creating a dictionary

- Creating a dictionary is as simple as placing items inside curly braces {} separated by comma.
- Each element in a <u>dictionary</u> is represented by a **key:value** pair.
- While values can be of any data type and can repeat, keys must be of immutable type and must be unique.

```
marks = {"Maths" : 45, "Science" : 23, "Social" : 38}
```

Accessing elements from a dictionary

- While indexing is used with other container types to access values, dictionary uses keys. Key can be used either inside square brackets or with the get() method.
- The difference while using get() is that it returns None instead of KeyError, if the key is not found.

```
print(marks["Science"])

23

print(marks.get("Maths"))

45

print(marks["Hindi"])

KeyError
<ipython-input-50-cadaa367708b> in ----> 1 print(marks["Hindi"])

KeyError: 'Hindi'
None
```

How to change or add elements in a dictionary?

- Dictionary are mutable. We can add new items or change the value of existing items using assignment operator.
- If the key is already present, value gets updated, else a new key: value pair is added to the dictionary.

```
studentDetails = {"Name" : "Sikander" , "Course" : "PYTHON"}
print(studentDetails)
studentDetails["Course"] = "Data Science"
print(studentDetails)
studentDetails["Marks"] = 45
print(studentDetails)
```

Deleting elements from a dictionary

- We can remove a particular item in a dictionary by using the method pop().
 This method removes as item with the provided key and returns the value.
- All the items can be removed at once using the clear() method.
- We can also use the del keyword to remove individual items or the entire dictionary itself.

```
print(studentDetails)
studentDetails.pop("Course")
print(studentDetails)

{'Name': 'Sikander', 'Course': 'Data Science', 'Marks': 45}
{'Name': 'Sikander', 'Marks': 45}

print(studentDetails)
studentDetails.clear()
print(studentDetails)

{'Name': 'Sikander', 'Course': 'Data Science', 'Marks': 45}
{}
```

Deleting elements from a dictionary

```
squares = {1:1 , 2:4, 3:9, 4:16 , 5:25}
print(squares)
key = int(input("Enter key to delete"))
del squares[key]
print(squares)

{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16, 5: 25}
Enter key to delete4
{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 5: 25}
```

To delete random element

- The method, popitem() can be used to remove and return an arbitrary item (key, value) form the dictionary.
- Raises KeyError if the dictionary is empty.

```
squares = {1:1 , 2:4, 3:9, 4:16 , 5:25}
print(squares)
squares.popitem()
print(squares)

{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16, 5: 25}
{1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16}
```

Clear method and del statement

```
students = {1:"SIKANDER", 2:"SATYA", 3:"HUSSAIN"}
courses = {1:"EMBEDDED" , 2: "DATA SCIENCE" , 3:"WEB DEVELOPMENT"}
print('List of Students')
print(students)
print('List of Courses')
print(courses)
students.clear()
del courses
print('List of Students')
print(students)
print('List of Courses')
print(courses)
List of Students
{1: 'SIKANDER', 2: 'SATYA', 3: 'HUSSAIN'}
List of Courses
{1: 'EMBEDDED', 2: 'DATA SCIENCE', 3: 'WEB DEVELOPMENT'}
List of Students
List of Courses
```

NameError

Traceback (most recent ca.

Dictionary Membership Test

 We can test if a key is in a dictionary or not using the keyword in. Notice that membership test is for keys only, not for values.

```
squares = {1: 1, 3: 9, 5: 25, 7: 49, 9: 81}
print("1 in squares :", 1 in squares)
print("2 not in squares :", 2 not in squares)
# membership tests for key only not value
print("49 in squares :",49 in squares)
```

1 in squares : True 2 not in squares : True 49 in squares : False

Iterating Through a Dictionary

 Using a for loop we can iterate through each key in a dictionary.

```
marks = {"Maths" : 45 , "Science" : 23 , "Social" : 38}
for subject in marks:
    print(subject)

for subject in marks:
    score = marks[subject]
    print(subject,":",score)
```

Frequency Count using Dict

```
data = "PYTHON DICTIONARY IS AMAZING"
freq = {}
for c in data:
    freq[c] = freq.get(c , 0) + 1

for key in freq:
    print(key , freq[key])
```

Python Dictionary Methods

Method	Description	
clear()	Remove all items form the dictionary.	
copy()	Return a shallow copy of the dictionary.	
fromkeys(seq[, v])	Return a new dictionary with keys from seq and value equal to v(defaults to None).	
get(key[,d])	Return the value of key. If key doesnot exit, return d (defaults to None).	
items()	Return a new view of the dictionary's items (key, value).	
keys()	Return a new view of the dictionary's keys.	
pop(key[,d])	Remove the item with key and return its value or d if key is not found. If d is not provided and key is not found, raises KeyError.	
popitem()	Remove and return an arbitary item (key, value). Raises KeyError if the dictionary is empty.	
setdefault(key[,d])	If key is in the dictionary, return its value. If not, insert key with a value of d and return d (defaults to None).	
update([other])	Update the dictionary with the key/value pairs from other, overwriting existing keys.	
values()	Return a new view of the dictionary's values	

Built-in Functions with Dictionary

Function	Description
len()	Return the length (the number of items) in the dictionary.
sorted()	Return a new sorted list of keys in the dictionary.

```
squares = {1: 1, 3: 9, 5: 25, 7: 49, 9: 81}
# Output: 5
print(len(squares))
# Output: [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
print(sorted(squares))
5
[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
```



Motivation for Dictionaries

- # Definition of country and capital
- countries = ['spain', 'france', 'germany', 'norway', 'india']
- capitals = ['madrid', 'paris', 'berlin', 'oslo', 'delhi']
- I would like to print the capital of germany.
- # Get index of 'germany': ind_ger
- # Use ind_ger to print out capital of Germany

```
# Definition of country and capital
countries = ['spain', 'france', 'germany', 'norway','india']
capitals = ['madrid', 'paris', 'berlin', 'oslo','delhi']
ind_ger = countries.index('germany')
print(capitals[ind_ger])
```

Create a Dictionary of Country and Capitals

Dictionary Manipulation

 If you know how to access a dictionary, you can also assign a new value to it. To add a new key-value pair to countryCapitals, you can use something like this:

countryCapitals['india'] = 'delhi'

Dictionary Manipulation

- To remove a entry from dictionary, we can use del method.
- Remove norway
- del (countryCapitals['norway'])

Search for Keys in Dictionary

Multiple values for each key

- Create a Dictionary which records the major cities of each state.
- {state : [major cities] }

Dictionary of dictionaries

 Dictionaries can contain key:value pairs where the values are again dictionaries.

```
india = { 'karnataka': { 'capital':'bengaluru', 'population':46.77 },
          'tamilnadu': { 'capital':'chennai', 'population':66.03 },
          'maharashtra': { 'capital': 'mumbai', 'population': 80.62 },
                        { 'capital': 'thiruvananthapuram', 'population':5.084 }
          'kerala':
# Print out the capital of kerala
print('Capital of kerala is ' , india['kerala']['capital'])
# Create sub-dictionary data
data = {'capital':'hyderabad' , 'population':59.83}
# Add data to india under key 'telangana'
india['telangana'] = data
# Print europe
print('\n', india)
```

List vs Dictionary

List	Dictionary
Select, update and remove: []	Select, update and remove: []
Indexed by range of numbers	Indexed by unique keys
Collection of values order matters select entire subsets	Lookup table with unique keys